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What is claimed is:

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1. (Amended) A stacked multiple-semiconductor die device, comprising:
a substrate having a surface;
at least one conductive bond area on the surface of the substrate;
a plurality of semiconductor dice having similar dimensions, each semiconductor die having a
active surface including at least four edges, and a backside;
a field of conductive bond pads disposed on the active surface of each semiconductor die, the field
of conductive pads positioned along less than three edges of the active surface of a
semiconductor die, the backside of a first semiconductor die being attached to the surface
of the substrate adjacent the at least one conductive bond areas of said surface of the
substrate and the backside of a second semiconductor die is attached to the active surface
of the first semiconductor die in an offset position having the field of conductive bond
pads of the first semiconductor die exposed;
conductors connecting bond pads of the first semiconductor die to conductive bond areas of the
substrate; and
conductors connecting bond pads of the second semiconductor die to one of the conductive bond
areas of the substrate and conductive bond pads of the first semiconductor die.

2. The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of
semiconductor dice comprise a stack of semiconductor dice having one of substantially the same
dimensions and different dimensions.

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3. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 1, comprising
at least one additional semiconductor die having a backside attached to at least a portion of the
active surface of a next lower semiconductor die in an offset position, the field of conductive bond
pads of each semiconductor die being exposed for attachment of said conductors thereto.

4. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 1, wherein said first semiconductor die is attached to said substrate by a thin adhesive layer and said second semiconductor die is attached to said first semiconductor die by a thin adhesive layer.

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5. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 1, wherein each semiconductor die has a field of conductive bond pads along one edge thereof, and the second semiconductor die being offset from the first semiconductor die in one direction to expose the field of conductive bond pads of the first semiconductor die for establishing connections from the bond pads to the substrate.

6. The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 5, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, each semiconductor die being offset in the same direction from its underlying semiconductor die.

7. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 6, wherein at least one of said at least one additional semiconductor dice is rotated one of 90, 180, and 270 degrees relative to its underlying semiconductor die.

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8. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 6, wherein said at least one additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die is an uppermost semiconductor die.

9. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 6, wherein said at least one additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die is intermediate the first semiconductor die and an uppermost semiconductor die.

10. (Amended) The stacked multiple semiconductor die device of claim 5, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second

A3 semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, at least one of the second semiconductor die and a third semiconductor die being rotated 180 degrees relative to said first semiconductor die.

11. The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 10, wherein each semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees from its underlying semiconductor die and offset in a reverse direction thereto.

A4 12. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 5, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, the second semiconductor die and each subsequent semiconductor die being rotated 90 degrees from its semiconductor underlying semiconductor die to position said bond pads on at least three sides of the stack.

13. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 5, wherein each semiconductor die has the field of conductive bond pads along two adjacent edges thereof, and each of the second semiconductor die and subsequent semiconductor die being offset from its underlying semiconductor die in two directions exposing the bond pads thereof for conductive bonding.

14. The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 13, wherein each semiconductor die is offset in the same two directions relative to its underlying semiconductor die.

15. The stacked multiple-die device of claim 13, wherein at least one semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees from its underlying semiconductor die.

16. The stacked multiple-die device of claim 15, wherein at least one rotated semiconductor die includes a topmost semiconductor die.

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17. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 5, wherein each semiconductor die has a length greater than a width whereby rotation of one semiconductor die relative to an underlying adjacent semiconductor die offsets said first semiconductor die to expose the field of conductive bond pads on at least one field of bond pads for attaching conductors thereto.

18. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 1, comprising:
a lower semiconductor die having a field of bond pads positioned thereon for attachment to conductive wires with loops;
an upper semiconductor die overhanging said field of bond pads by a first height; and
an intervening semiconductor die having an upper surface bonded to said upper semiconductor die with an adhesive layer and a lower surface bonded to said lower semiconductor die with an adhesive layer, said intervening semiconductor die offset from said lower and upper semiconductor dice, a height of overhang between said lower semiconductor die and upper semiconductor die being substantially equal to a thickness of said intervening semiconductor die and two of said adhesive layers and said height of overhang exceeding a height of bond wire loops attached to said bond pads of the lower semiconductor die.

19. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device according to claim 18, wherein the intervening semiconductor die includes one of a piece of silicon and an inoperative semiconductor die and an operative semiconductor die.

20. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device according to claim 1, in which said substrate comprises one of a circuit board, circuit card, lead frame and tape automated bonding (TAB) tape.

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21. (Amended) A multiple die stacked device, comprising:
a substrate having conductive areas thereon;
a plurality of semiconductor dice attached in a stack, said stack comprising a first semiconductor die attached to the substrate and subsequent semiconductor dice attached thereto to form said stack, the semiconductor die of the plurality of semiconductor dice in said stack being substantially identical, and a physical orientation of each of said first and subsequent semiconductor die being offset in at least one direction from its underlying semiconductor die and is rotated in one of 0, 90, 180 and 270 degrees relative to said underlying semiconductor die to expose bond pads of the underlying semiconductor die while minimizing the size of the device.

22. (Amended) A high density stacked multiple-die device, comprising:
a substrate having a surface;
conductive bond areas on the surface of the substrate;
a plurality of semiconductor dice having substantially the same dimensions, each semiconductor die having a rectangular active surface having at least four edges, and a backside;
a field of conductive bond pads disposed on the active surface of each semiconductor die, the field positioned along less than three edges thereof, the backside of a first semiconductor die being attached to the surface of the substrate adjacent the conductive bond areas of said surface of said substrate, the backside of a second semiconductor die being attached to the active surface of the first semiconductor die in an offset position having the field of conductive bond pads of the first semiconductor die exposed;
conductors connecting bond pads of the first semiconductor die to conductive bond areas of the substrate; and
conductors connecting bond pads of the second semiconductor die to one of the conductive bond areas of the substrate and the field of conductive bond pads of the first semiconductor die.

23. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 22, wherein said plurality of semiconductor dice comprise a stack of semiconductor die, each semiconductor die being one of substantially a same size and of a different size.

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25. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die stacked device of claim 22, wherein said first semiconductor die is attached to said substrate by a thin adhesive layer and said second semiconductor die is attached to said first semiconductor die by a thin adhesive layer.

26. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 22, wherein each semiconductor die has a field of bond pads along one edge thereof, and the second semiconductor die is offset from the first semiconductor die in one direction to expose the bond pads of the first semiconductor die for establishing connections from the bond pads to the substrate.

27. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 26, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, wherein each semiconductor die is offset in the same direction from its underlying semiconductor die.

28. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 27, wherein at least one of said semiconductor dice is rotated one of 90, 180, and 270 degrees relative to its underlying semiconductor die.

29. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 28, wherein said at least one rotated semiconductor die is an uppermost semiconductor die.

30. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 28, wherein said at least one rotated semiconductor die is intermediate the first semiconductor die and the uppermost semiconductor die.

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32. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 31, wherein each semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees from its underlying die and offset in a reverse direction thereto.

A7 33. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 26, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, wherein the second semiconductor die and each subsequent semiconductor die is rotated 90 degrees from its underlying semiconductor die to position the bond pads on at least three sides of the stack.

34. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 26, wherein each semiconductor die has a field of bond pads along two adjacent edges thereof, and each of the second and subsequent semiconductor dice is offset from its underlying semiconductor die in two directions exposing the bond pads thereof for conductive bonding.

35. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 34, wherein each semiconductor die is offset in the same two directions relative to its underlying semiconductor die.

36. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 34, wherein at least one semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees from its underlying semiconductor die.

37. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 36, wherein at least one rotated semiconductor die includes a topmost semiconductor die.

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39. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 22, comprising:
a lower semiconductor die having a field of bond pads positioned thereon for attachment to
conductive wires with loops;
an upper semiconductor die overhanging said field of bond pads by a first height; and
an intervening semiconductor die having an upper surface bonded to said upper semiconductor die
with an adhesive layer and a lower surface bonded to said lower semiconductor die with
an adhesive layer, said intervening semiconductor die offset from said lower
semiconductor die and upper semiconductor die, a height of overhang between said lower
semiconductor die and upper semiconductor die substantially equals the thickness of said
intervening semiconductor die and two of said adhesive layers and said height of overhang
exceeds a height of bond wire loops attached to said bond pads of the lower
semiconductor die.

40. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device according to claim 22, in
which said substrate comprises one of a circuit board, circuit card, lead frame and tape automated
bonding (TAB) tape.

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41. (Amended) A high density multiple-die stacked device, comprising:
a substrate having conductive areas thereon; and
a plurality of semiconductor dice attached in a stack, said stack comprising a first semiconductor die attached to the substrate and subsequent dice attached thereto to form said stack, each semiconductor die in said stack being similar, and the physical orientation of each of said semiconductor die and subsequent semiconductor dice being offset in at least one direction from its underlying semiconductor die and rotated in one of 0, 90, 180 and 270 degrees relative to said underlying semiconductor die exposing bond pads of the underlying semiconductor die while minimizing a size of the device.

42. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 41, wherein one of the semiconductor dice includes one of a piece of silicon and an inoperative semiconductor die and an operative semiconductor die.

43. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 41, wherein one of the semiconductor die includes a piece of silicon.

44. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 41, wherein the semiconductor dice are attached to each other using an adhesive having a thickness of about less than 100 microns.

45. (Amended) A stacked multiple-semiconductor die device, comprising:
a substrate having a surface;
at least one conductive bond area on the surface of the substrate;
a plurality of semiconductor dice, each semiconductor die having one of similar dimensions and different dimensions, each semiconductor die having an active surface including at least four edges, and a backside;
a field of conductive bond pads disposed on the active surface of each semiconductor die, the field of conductive bond pads positioned along less than three edges of the active surface of at

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least one semiconductor die, the backside of a first semiconductor die being attached to the surface of the substrate adjacent the at least one conductive bond areas of said surface of said substrate and the backside of a second semiconductor die is attached to the active surface of the first semiconductor die in an offset position having the field of conductive bond pads of the first semiconductor die exposed;
conductors connecting bond pads of the first semiconductor die to conductive bond areas of the substrate; and
conductors connecting bond pads of the second semiconductor die to one of the conductive bond areas of the substrate and conductive bond pads of the first semiconductor die.

46. The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 45, wherein said plurality of semiconductor dice comprise a stack of semiconductor dice having one of substantially different dimensions.

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47. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 45, comprising at least one additional semiconductor die having the backside attached to at least a portion of the active surface of the next lower semiconductor die in an offset position, the field of conductive bond pads of each semiconductor die being exposed for attachment of said conductors thereto.

48. The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 45, wherein each semiconductor die has a field of bond pads along one edge thereof, and the second semiconductor die being offset from the first semiconductor die in one direction to expose the bond pads of the first semiconductor die for establishing connections from the bond pads to the substrate.

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49. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 48, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, each semiconductor die being offset in the same direction from the underlying semiconductor die.

50. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 49, wherein at least one of said semiconductor dice is rotated one of 90, 180, and 270 degrees relative to the underlying semiconductor die.

51. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 49, further comprising said at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in said stack to said second semiconductor die, said each additional semiconductor die offset from said underlying semiconductor die, at least one of the second semiconductor die and the third semiconductor die being rotated 180 degrees relative to said first semiconductor die.

52. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 51, wherein each semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees from the underlying semiconductor die and offset in a reverse direction thereto.

53. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 49, further comprising said at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in said stack to said second semiconductor die, said each additional semiconductor die offset from said underlying semiconductor die, the second semiconductor die and each subsequent semiconductor die being rotated 90 degrees from its underlying semiconductor die to position the bond pads on at least three sides of the stack.

54. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 49, wherein each semiconductor die has the field of bond pads along two adjacent edges thereof, and each of the second semiconductor die and a subsequent semiconductor die being offset from the underlying semiconductor die in two directions exposing the bond pads thereof for conductive bonding.

55. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 54, wherein each semiconductor die is offset in the same two directions relative to the underlying semiconductor die.

56. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 54, wherein the at least one semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees from the underlying semiconductor die.

57. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 56, wherein at least one rotated semiconductor die includes a topmost semiconductor die.

58. The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 49, wherein each semiconductor die has a length greater than a width whereby rotation of one semiconductor die relative to an underlying adjacent semiconductor die offsets said first semiconductor die to expose the field of bond pads on said at least one field of bond pads for attaching conductors thereto.

59. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device of claim 45, comprising:
a lower semiconductor die having a field of bond pads positioned thereon for attachment to conductive wires with loops;
an upper semiconductor die overhanging said field of bond pads by a first height; and
an intervening semiconductor die having an upper surface bonded to said upper semiconductor die with an adhesive layer and a lower surface bonded to said lower semiconductor die with an adhesive layer, said intervening semiconductor die offset from said lower and upper

semiconductor dice, the height of overhang between said lower semiconductor die and upper semiconductor die being substantially equal to the thickness of said intervening semiconductor die and two of said adhesive layers and said height of overhang exceeding the height of bond wire loops attached to said bond pads of the lower semiconductor die.

All 60. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device according to claim 59, wherein the intervening semiconductor die includes one of a piece of silicon and an inoperative semiconductor die and an operative semiconductor die.

61. (Amended) The stacked multiple-semiconductor die device according to claim 45, in which said substrate comprises one of a circuit board, circuit card, lead frame and tape automated bonding (TAB) tape.

62. (Amended) A multiple die stacked device, comprising:
a substrate having conductive areas thereon;
a plurality of semiconductor dice attached in a stack, said stack comprising a first semiconductor die attached to the substrate and subsequent semiconductor dice attached thereto to form said stack, the semiconductor die of the plurality of semiconductor dice in said stack being substantially different, and the physical orientation of each of said first and subsequent semiconductor die being offset in at least one direction from its underlying semiconductor die and is rotated in one of 0, 90, 180 and 270 degrees relative to said underlying semiconductor die to expose bond pads of the underlying semiconductor die while minimizing the size of the device.

63. (Amended) A high density stacked multiple-die device, comprising:
a substrate having a surface;
conductive bond areas on the surface of the substrate;
a plurality of semiconductor dice having substantially different dimensions, each semiconductor die having a rectangular active surface having at least four edges, and a backside;

a field of conductive bond pads disposed on the active surface of each semiconductor die, the field of conductive bond pads positioned along less than three edges thereof, the backside of a first semiconductor die being attached to the surface of the substrate adjacent the conductive bond areas of said surface of the substrate, the backside of a second semiconductor die being attached to the active surface of the first semiconductor die in an offset position having the field of conductive bond pads of the first semiconductor die exposed;

All conductors connecting bond pads of the first semiconductor die to conductive bond areas of the substrate; and

conductors connecting bond pads of the second semiconductor die to one of conductive bond areas of the substrate and conductive bond pads of the first semiconductor die.

64. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 63, wherein said plurality of semiconductor dice comprise a stack of semiconductor die, each semiconductor die being one of substantially the same size and of the different size.

65. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 63, comprising at least one additional semiconductor die having the backside attached to the active surface of the next lower semiconductor die in an offset position, the field of conductive bond pads of each semiconductor die exposed for attachment of said conductors thereto.

66. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 63, wherein each semiconductor die has a field of bond pads along one edge thereof, and the second semiconductor die is offset from the first semiconductor die in one direction to expose the bond pads of the first semiconductor die for establishing connections from the bond pads to the substrate.

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67. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 66, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, wherein each semiconductor die is offset in the same direction from the underlying semiconductor die.

68. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 67, wherein at least one of said semiconductor dice is rotated one of 90, 180, and 270 degrees relative to the underlying semiconductor die.

69. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 68, wherein said at least one rotated semiconductor die is an uppermost semiconductor die.

70. The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 68, wherein said at least one rotated semiconductor die is intermediate the first semiconductor die and the uppermost semiconductor die.

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71. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 66, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, wherein at least one of the second semiconductor die and the third semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees relative to said first semiconductor die.

72. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 71, wherein each semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees from its underlying semiconductor die and offset in a reverse direction thereto.

73. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 66, further comprising at least one additional semiconductor die fixed in a stack to said second semiconductor die, each additional semiconductor die offset from its underlying semiconductor die, wherein the second semiconductor die and each subsequent die is rotated 90 degrees from the underlying semiconductor die to position the bond pads on at least three sides of the stack.

A13 74. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 66, wherein each semiconductor die has the field of bond pads along two adjacent edges thereof, and each of the second and subsequent semiconductor die is offset from its underlying semiconductor die in two directions exposing the bond pads thereof for conductive bonding.

75. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 74, wherein each semiconductor die is offset in the same two directions relative to the underlying semiconductor die.

76. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 74, wherein at least one semiconductor die is rotated 180 degrees from the underlying semiconductor die.

77. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 76, wherein the at least one rotated semiconductor die includes a topmost semiconductor die.

78. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 66, wherein each semiconductor die has a length greater than a width whereby rotation of one semiconductor die relative to an underlying adjacent semiconductor die offsets said first semiconductor die to expose the field of conductive bond pads on said at least one field of conductive bond pads for attaching the conductors thereto.

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79. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device of claim 63, comprising:
a lower semiconductor die having a field of bond pads positioned thereon for attachment to
conductive wires with loops;
an upper semiconductor die overhanging said field of bond pads by a first height; and
an intervening semiconductor die having an upper surface bonded to said upper semiconductor die
with an adhesive layer and a lower surface bonded to said lower semiconductor die with
an adhesive layer, said intervening semiconductor die offset from said lower
semiconductor die and upper semiconductor die, the height of overhang between said
lower semiconductor die and upper semiconductor die substantially equals the thickness of
said intervening semiconductor die and two of said adhesive layers and said height of
overhang exceeds the height of bond wire loops attached to said bond pads of the lower
semiconductor die.

80. (Amended) The high density stacked multiple-die device according to claim 63, in
which said substrate comprises one of a circuit board, circuit card, lead frame and tape automated
bonding (TAB) tape.

81. (Amended) A high density multiple-die stacked device, comprising:
a substrate having conductive areas thereon; and
a plurality of semiconductor dice attached in a stack, said stack comprising a first semiconductor
die attached to the substrate and subsequent dice attached thereto to form said stack, the
semiconductor dice in said stack having at least two different sizes of semiconductor die,
and the physical orientation of each of said second semiconductor die and subsequent
semiconductor dice being offset in at least one direction from its underlying semiconductor
die and rotated in one of 0, 90, 180 and 270 degrees relative to said underlying
semiconductor die exposing bond pads of the underlying semiconductor die while
minimizing the size of the device.

82. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 81, wherein one of the semiconductor die includes one of a piece of silicon and an inoperative semiconductor die and an operative semiconductor die.

83. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 81, wherein one of the semiconductor die includes a piece of silicon.

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84. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 81, wherein the semiconductor dice are attached to each other using an adhesive having a thickness of about less than 100 microns.

85. (Amended) A high density multiple-die stacked device, comprising:
a substrate having conductive areas thereon; and
a plurality of semiconductor dice attached in a stack, said stack comprising a first semiconductor die attached to the substrate and subsequent dice attached thereto to form said stack, the semiconductor dice in said stack having at least two different sizes of semiconductor die, the size of the bottom semiconductor die in the stack being smaller in at least one dimension of length, width, and thickness than a corresponding dimension of at least one other semiconductor die in the stack, and the physical orientation of each of said second semiconductor die and subsequent semiconductor dice being offset in at least one direction from its underlying semiconductor die and rotated in one of 0, 90, 180 and 270 degrees relative to said underlying semiconductor die exposing bond pads of the underlying semiconductor die while minimizing the size of the device.

86. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 85, wherein one of the semiconductor die includes one of a piece of silicon and an inoperative semiconductor die and an operative semiconductor die.

87. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 85, wherein one of the semiconductor die includes a piece of silicon.

88. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 85, wherein the semiconductor die are attached to each other using an adhesive having a thickness of about less than 100 microns.

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89. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 85, wherein at least two dimensions of the bottom semiconductor die of length, width, and thickness are smaller in at least one dimension of length, width, and thickness than a corresponding dimension of at least one other semiconductor die in the stack.

90. (Amended) A high density multiple-die stacked device, comprising:
a substrate having conductive areas thereon; and
a plurality of semiconductor dice attached in a stack, said stack comprising a first semiconductor die attached to the substrate and subsequent dice attached thereto to form said stack, the semiconductor dice in said stack having at least two different sizes of semiconductor die, the size of the semiconductor die on the bottom of the stack having at least one dimension of one of length, width, and thickness which is larger than a corresponding dimension of at least another semiconductor die in the stack, and the physical orientation of each of said first semiconductor die and subsequent semiconductor dice being offset in at least one direction from its underlying semiconductor die and rotated in one of 0, 90, 180 and 270 degrees relative to said underlying semiconductor die exposing bond pads of the underlying semiconductor die while minimizing the size of the device.

91. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 90, wherein one of the semiconductor die includes one of a piece of silicon and an inoperative semiconductor die and an operative semiconductor die.

92. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 90, wherein one of the semiconductor die includes a piece of silicon.

A13 93. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 90, wherein the semiconductor die are attached to each other using an adhesive having a thickness of about less than 100 microns.

94. (Amended) The high density multiple-die stacked device of claim 90, wherein at least two dimensions of the bottom semiconductor die of length, width, and thickness are larger in at least one dimension of length, width, and thickness than a corresponding dimension of at least one other semiconductor die in the stack.
